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SKY BUS METRO PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made for implementation of Sky Bus Metro Project in the country;

(b) the present status of the project alongwith funds earmarked for the project during 2007-08; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) The Sky Bus Metro Technology Project is currently in developmental stage. A test track for a length of about 1.6 kms for conducting trials has been constructed at Madgaon.

The Ministry of Urban Development had appointed an Expert Committee headed by Dr. P.V. Indiresan, Former Director, IIT /Chennai, for evaluation of the Sky Bus Technology. The Committee's Report, submitted in August 2005, recommended formation of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to evaluate the novel system and guide for further development of the technology. The TAG has already been constituted and has had three meetings so far.

(b) The Ministry of Railways has allocated an amount of Rs.25 Crores under Plan Head "Railway Research" for conducting further trials of Sky Bus Metro leading to Certification of Technology under the guidance of Technical Advisory Group.

(c) Specific time frame for a technology development project cannot be stipulated as the success of the project will depend upon the results of the trials and opinion of Commissioner of Railway Safety or any other agency appointed for the designated purpose.